

**BIOGRAPHY OF  
CONGRESSMAN ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT  
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE FROM  
VIRGINIA’S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott was born on April 30, 1947 in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Newport News, Virginia. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Boston College Law School. Upon graduating from law school, he returned to Newport News where he practiced law from 1973 until 1991.

Rep. Scott served in the Massachusetts National Guard and the United State Army Reserves and received an honorable discharge. He served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1978 to 1983 and in the Virginia State Senate from 1983 to 1993.

During his tenure in the Virginia Legislature, Rep. Scott worked on issues that are critical to the citizens of Virginia: health care, education, employment, crime prevention, social services and consumer protection. He introduced legislation which created the Governor's Employment and Training Division; increased health care benefits for women, infants and children; increased Virginia's minimum wage; and established the Neighborhood Assistance Act, which provides tax credits to businesses for donations to approved social service and crime prevention programs.

In 1992, Rep. Scott became only the second African-American from Virginia to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and he is the first African-American elected since “Reconstruction.” He serves on the Education and Workforce Committee and the Judiciary Committee where Rep. Scott is the leading Democrat on the Crime Subcommittee.

Congressman Scott's commitment to public service has earned him numerous awards and citations. In the Congress, he has championed several highly successful bi-partisan legislative initiatives. The Death in Custody Act requires states to report information regarding the death of any person who is in the process of arrest or in the custody of law enforcement officials. Rep. Scott led a successful fight to protect the rights of all children with disabilities to a free and appropriate education under the Individuals with Disability Education Act. The juvenile justice legislation he championed has previously passed the House by overwhelming margins and is now pending. His long-term legislative goals include making health care affordable for all, establishing a first class public education system throughout the U.S., extending the opportunity to attend college to all who wish to attend, and expanding economic opportunities throughout Virginia and the U.S.

Congressman Scott is a member of the St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Newport News and he has been a member of many professional, community and civic boards and organizations.